

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A method for providing kidney protection from a kidney dysfunction caused by lithium which comprises administering to an individual in need thereof ~~2-5 mg of acetyl L-carnitine and 2-5 mg of propionyl L-carnitine/kg body weight/day~~ or an equimolar amount of a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof in which the weight-ratio of acetyl L-carnitine to propionyl L-carnitine is 1:1.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for providing protection from a kidney dysfunction caused by lithium which comprises administering to an individual in need thereof a combination composition of acetyl L-carnitine and propionyl L-carnitine or pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, in which the weight-ratio of acetyl L-carnitine to propionyl L-carnitine is ~~[[from]] 1:1 to 1:10.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A method for providing protection from nephropathy caused by lithium which comprises administering to an individual in need thereof a combination composition of acetyl L-carnitine and propionyl L-carnitine or pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, in which the weight-ratio of acetyl L-carnitine to propionyl L-carnitine is ~~[[from]] 1:1 to 1:10.~~

15.-16. (Canceled).

17.-22. (Canceled).

23.-24. (Canceled).

25.-30. (Canceled).

31. (Currently Amended) A method for providing protection from a tubular necrosis caused by lithium which comprises administering to an individual a combination composition of acetyl L-carnitine and propionyl L-carnitine or pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, in which the weight ratio of acetyl L-carnitine to propionyl L-carnitine is ~~[[from]]~~ 1:1 to 1:10.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for providing protection from a tubular necrosis caused by lithium which comprises administering ~~2-5 mg of~~ acetyl L-carnitine and ~~2-5 mg of~~ propionyl L-carnitine ~~/kg body weight/day~~ or an equimolar amount of a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof in which the weight ratio of acetyl L-carnitine to propionyl L-carnitine is 1:1.

33.-35. (Canceled).